

Survey of 1,071 Gransnet users with one or more grandchildren,
between 22nd January and 1st February 2019.

The data is not weighted.

Have you ever been estranged from your grandchildren?

	Total
No	86 %
Yes - for a short period (up to a week)	2 %
Yes - temporarily (for less than a year)	5 %
Yes - for more than a year	6 %
Net: yes	14 %

If you have been estranged from your grandchildren, who made the decision to cut contact?

	Total
Me	1 %
My child	22 %
My child's partner	34 %
My child and their partner	16 %
My grandchild	4 %
My grandchild and their parent/s	3 %
We all did	0 %
No one - it just happened	10 %
Other (please specify)	11 %

If you're currently estranged from your grandchild/ren, when was the last time you saw the grandchild/ren from whom you are estranged?

	Total
Less than six months ago	21 %
Six months to one year ago	10 %
One to five years ago	32 %
Over five years ago	37 %

Thinking about the first time you were estranged from your grandchild/ren, how old were they?

If this has happened with different grandchildren, please select all that apply.

	Total
It happened before they were born	9 %
Newborn to six months	13 %
Seven months to a year	8 %
1 to 4 years old	43 %
5 to 7 years old	38 %
8 to 11 years old	19 %
12 to 16 years old	10 %
17 to 20 years old	3 %
21 or over	1 %

Who do you think carries some blame for you being estranged from your grandchild/ren? Please select all that apply.

	Total
Your child	33 %
Your son- or daughter-in-law	64 %
Another family member	5 %
The grandchild/ren	3 %
Myself	16 %
My partner	5 %
A professional involved with children (eg teacher, social worker)	0 %
Grandchild's other grandparents	8 %
Someone else (please specify)	6 %

What do you think caused you to be estranged from your grandchildren?

	Total
Personality clashes/frequent rows	12 %
Disagreements involving violence or verbal or physical abuse	12 %
My son/daughter in law didn't approve of me	11 %
They didn't approve of my lifestyle or life choices	8 %
They moved away	8 %
Disagreements over me providing childcare	7 %
Disagreements over how I care for children while in my care	6 %
Disagreements over money	5 %
I didn't approve of their lifestyle or life choices	5 %
I didn't approve of my son/daughter-in-law	5 %
I didn't approve of their parenting	5 %
Disagreements about wills or inheritance	3 %
A disagreement involving my spouse	3 %
We moved away	3 %
Wedding disagreements (eg who paid for it, who had input into the guest list, what kind of wedding it was)	0 %
Other (please specify)	33 %

What, if anything, would you do or have you done so you can be reconciled?

	Total
Apologise even though it's not my fault	
Have done	61 %
Would do	21 %
Would never do	18 %
Apologise because it is my fault	
Have done	34 %
Would do	59 %
Would never do	7 %
Send money/gifts	
Have done	58 %
Would do	12 %
Would never do	30 %
Go through other family members	
Have done	45 %
Would do	24 %
Would never do	31 %
Turn up on off-chance of seeing them	
Have done	26 %
Would do	18 %
Would never do	56 %
Take the legal route	
Have done	15 %
Would do	20 %
Would never do	65 %

How, if at all, do you show your grandchild/ren you're thinking of them even though you are estranged?

	Total
I write letters	12 %
I'm saving money in a bank account	17 %
I try to make regular contact with their parents/them	23 %
I try to send gifts/money	39 %
I don't do anything	25 %
Other (please specify)	23 %

If you have been through an estrangement and reconciled, what happened to bring the reconciliation about?

	Total
A big family event - special birthday/wedding/anniversary/funeral	6 %
The parents approached me	15 %
The grandchild/ren approached me	9 %
I apologised	14 %
The other party apologised	6 %
I sent money/gifts	1 %
Other (please specify)	49 %

**How, if at all, has being estranged affected you?
Please select all that apply**

	Total
I feel/have felt down some of the time	57 %
I have been/ was diagnosed with a medical condition (like depression)	24 %
I feel/ have felt angry	44 %
My relationship with my partner has been affected	12 %
It hasn't affected me	3 %
Other (please specify)	22 %

Should grandparents have the 'right' to see their grandchild/ren?

	Total
No	10 %
Yes	64 %
Don't know/not sure	26 %